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Your Excellency,

Why do our American friends let the whole world squeal about the inclusion of nuclear weapons in their armoury of defence from Hiroshima onwards, without giving the obvious retort that there would have been no Hiroshima if there had been no Pearl Harbour?

It is sickening enough to listen to the hypocritical moanings of the Russians about your Christmas Island tests, seeing that it is their implacable hostility to all that is decent in international relations which has left your country no choice but to bring her defence system up to date. But, however disgusted we may be with the shameless accusations of Krushchev, we can at least bear in mind that Russia was actually attacked by "The Fascist beast", and the persecution neurosis which the Kremlin leaders are so devilishly exploiting in their long-term plans for taking over the planet, has at least some species of justification in that "it happened once before".

With the Japanese, however, the situation is different. They were not attacked, or even threatened. They are branded for ever as the vilest aggressors. Let the world never forget that while one gang of bandits was running amok in Europe, another horde of savages was plotting what may be described as the classic example of treachery in history. If ever a crime was visited by a fitting punishment, that is what happened at Hiroshima. The Japanese, like all bullies, are happy only when the fight is one-sided. They hailed with ecstasy the cowardly deed at Pearl Harbour, little dreaming of the Nemesis of Hiroshima, where the bully was humbled. Now they would like us to forget their monstrous crime, and remember only the suffering they brought on their own people, innocent and guilty alike. Are we all doing whatever is possible to resist this topsy-turvy view which the enemy is thrusting on the world? I say this because I seldom if ever hear the true statement of the situation from any quarter.

Let Hiroshima be remembered by all means, but not as an act of shame; rather as a spectacular lesson to potential evil-doers that, at least on one notable occasion, treachery has reaped a terrible harvest of retribution.

I am, Sir,

Your Excellency's obedient Servant,

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